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Appl. No.: 09/897,638 Group: 1745
Filed: July 3, 2001 Examiner: CHANEY, Carol D.
For: ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE RESINOUS
COMPOSITION, FUEL CELL SEPARATOR AND
PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND POLYMER
ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 5, 2004

Sir:

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The Commissioner is respectfully requested to change the inventorship in this case pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.48 in view of the documents attached hereto and filed concurrently herewith.

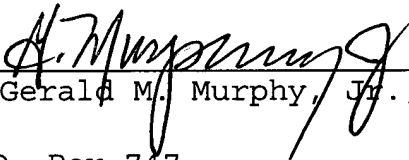
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview

in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

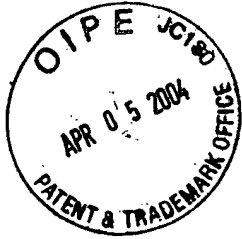
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Attachment(s):

1. STATEMENT BY TSUTOMO UEHARA
2. STATEMENT BY FUMIO TANNO
3. Oath signed by all six inventors
4. \$130.00 to cover the processing
fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i)
5. Consent of the Assignee



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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

1. NISSHINBO INDUSTRIES, INC. (NISSHINBO) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan.

2. NISSHINBO has its principal place of business at 31-11 Nihonbashi Ningyocho 2-Chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

3. NISSHINBO is the owner of the entire right title and interest in the above-identified application for United States patent by virtue of an assignment recorded amongst the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Reel 011966 at Frame 0412 (the assignment).

4. The inventorship on the assignment gave the four originally named inventors listed below with their given names first and their family names second:

- a. Kazuo Saito;
- b. Atsushi Hagiwara;
- c. Yasuo Imashiro; and
- d. Naofumi Horie.

5. NISSHINBO consents to the change of inventorship to now name those inventors listed below:

- a. Kazuo Saito;
- b. Atsushi Hagiwara;
- c. Yasuo Imashiro;
- d. Naofumi Horie;
- e. Fumio Tanno; and
- f. Tsutomu Uehara.

6. I am an officer of NISSHINBO and have authority, under applicable laws, to execute this consent.

Signed by me this 3/st day of March, 2004

Kiyoshi Wada
KIYOSHI WADA

The Manager of Intellectual Property Department,
R&D Division of Nisshinbo Industries, Inc.



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STATEMENT BY FUMIO TANNO

FUMIO TANNO declares that:

1. I am, together with others, an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application for United States patent.
2. I was not previously named as an inventor through error, which error occurred without deceptive intention on my part.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed by me this 1st day of April, 2004

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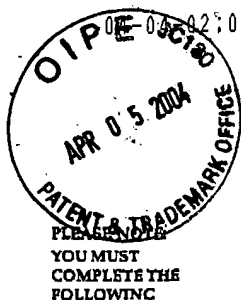
STATEMENT BY TSUTOMU UEHARA

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Signed by me this 1st day of April, 2004

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TSUTOMU UEHARA



Attorney Docket No. 0171-0762P

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FOR PATENT AND DESIGN APPLICATIONS**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE RESINOUS COMPOSITION, FUEL CELL SEPARATOR AND PRODUCTION THEREOF,
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the specification of which is attached hereto. If not attached hereto, the application is identified by the attorney docket number as set forth above and/or the following:

Information -
For Use Without
Specification
Attached:

The specification was filed on July 3, 2001 as
United States Application Number 09/897,638
and amended on _____ (if applicable) and/or
the specification was filed on _____ as PCT
International Application Number _____; and was
amended on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months (six months for designs) prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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(Number)	(Country)	(Month/Day/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>2000-201832</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>July 4, 2000</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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(if any)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States and/or PCT application(s), including for continuation-in-part application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States and/or PCT application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Insert Prior U.S.
Application(s):
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I hereby appoint the practitioners at CUSTOMER NO. 02292 as my attorneys or agents to prosecute this application and/or an international application based on this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and in connection with the resulting patent based on instructions received from the entity who first sent the application papers to the practitioners, unless the inventor(s) or assignee provides said practitioners with a written notice to the contrary.

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